(b) if so, the details of the projects involving inter-State aspects;

(c) whether any tribunal has been set up to resolve the issues; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to resolve the issues for smooth implementation of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Disinvestment in PGCIL

2429. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is going to disinvest its equity in Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL);

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) how much Government equity will be disinvested in PGCIL?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) Raising equity resources through an Initial Public Offering (IPO) for meeting its growth needs is one of the options for Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. No decision has been taken in this regard as yet.

Renewal of power purchasing agreement by NTPC

2430. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Thermal Power Corporation had reached to a broad understanding on the terms for renewing the bilateral power purchase agreement which expired in February, 2005 with a State Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) signed with Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) for supply of power from NTPC's Kayamkulam Station (360 MW) was due to expire on 28.2.2005. However, the above PPA has a continuity clause as follows:

In case Bulk Power Recipient continues to get power from Kayamkulam Power Station even after expiry of this Agreement without further renewal or formal extension thereof then all the provisions of this agreement shall